(c) Two ex-Criminal Tribes members were provided with jobs in the Department of Harijan Welfare during 1954–55. No member belonging to ex-Criminal Tribes is employed in the offices of the District Welfare Officers.

Higher Elementary Schools in the South Kanara district

* 3144 *Q.*—Sri M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received by the Government to open Higher Elementary Schools in the South Kanara district in the year 1954–55; and

(b) the number of Higher Elementary Schools opened by the Government in the district during the said period?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Number of applications received for opening higher elementary standards in—

(i) District Board Schools	6
(ii) Aided Management Schools	46
	52

(b) Number of schools permitted to open higher standards—

(i) District Board Schools	4
(ii) Aided Management Schools	14
	18

(Starred question No. 3145—postponed.)

Tank Restoration Scheme

* 3146 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state why the Tank Restoration scheme has not been introduced in Pudukottai Division of Tiruchirappalli district?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : No regular Tank Restoration Scheme party is working anywhere in the State. The regular Public Works Department staff and the Food Production Engineering staff are, however, attending to the investigation and execution of repairs to irrigation sources under the Intensive Cultivation and Special Minor Irrigation Programmes.

Use of electric energy in industrial concerns

* 3147 *Q.*—Sri M. PALANIYANDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any general restriction for using electric energy between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. by all industries and if so, the reasons therefor?